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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S SOUTH BEND PRESS CONFERENCE

1. ON MARCH 17 PRESIDENT FORD DISCUSSING CAMBODIA SITUATION WITH PRESS SAID "I NOTICED IN THE MORNING NEWS SUMMARY BEFORE I LEFT WASHINGTON THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, MR. MARCOS IS REVIEWING THE PHILIPPINE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES." PRESIDENT WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO BRIEFING ON MANILA PRESS COMMENT REPORTED BY MANILA 3289 OF MARCH 14.

2. MEDIA REPORTING OF PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS, HOWEVER, IMPLY A PHILIPPINE REACTION LINKED MORE DIRECTLY TO CAMBODIAN SITUATION THAN STATED IN REFTEL. FOLLOWING PARTIAL QUOTE FROM NY TIMES OF MARCH 18: "IN DISCUSSING THE DOMINO THEORY, PRESIDENT FORD SAID A "POTENTIAL REQUEST" FROM THAILAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES FORCES WAS APPARENTLY RELATED TO THE MILITARY SITUATION IN INDOCHINA. HE SAID PRESIDENT FERDINANT MARCOS OF THE PHILIPPINES WAS ALSO REVIEWING HIS NATION'S RELATIONSHIP

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WITH THE UNITED STATES. MR. FORD INDICATED THAT THESE

DEVELOPMENTS, FOLLOWING THE PRESENT THREAT TO THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT IN PHNOM PENH, GAVE VALIDITY TO THE DOMINO THEORY."

3. IN REPLY TO PRESS INQUIRIES STEMMING FROM PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON US/PHIL RELATIONSHIP, DEPARTMENT IS STATING

THAT: OBVIOUSLY, RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE HAD SOME IMPACT IN THE PHILIPPINES. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS WE HAVE BEEN ADJUSTING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PHILIPPINES. THE LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT WHICH GOVERNED OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE PHILIPPINES SINCE 1954 EXPIRED JULY 3, 1974 AND WE ARE SEEKING TO NEGOTIATE NEW AGREEMENTS TO REGULATE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE COMING YEARS. OUR MILITARY BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE GOVERNED BY AGREEMENTS DATING BACK TO 1947. THERE HAVE BEEN PERIODIC REVISIONS OF THESE AGREEMENTS AND WE HAVE RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THE POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER UPDATING WITH THE STATUS OF FORCES ARRANGEMENTS. WE INTEND TO STAND SOLIDLY BEHIND OUR DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO THE PHILIPPINES, AND TO CONTINUE CLOSE COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC MATTERS. WE ARE DETERMINED TO PRESERVE OUR WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT WE BOTH HAVE ENJOYED OVER THE PAST THREE QUARTER'S OF A CENTURY. INGERSOLL

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